



Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 13

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The old Biloxi Public Library is a one-and-a-half-story on full basement, gable-front, stucco building with decorated, capped curvilinear parapets on the east and west elevations. Reached by a grand stairway with twin flights, the entrance is lavishly embellished with a round arch transom, twisted columns, embellished spandrels, and a full entablature surmounted by a robust cartouche and finials. Window surrounds on the north and south elevations and on the facade are flanked by scroll consoles at their bases. Windows are double-hung and in an eight-over-eight glazing configuration with four-light transoms. A highly decorative frieze panel is positioned over the side door.

ALTERATIONS: Original tile roof replaced after sustaining serious damage from Hurricane Camille in 1969.

OUTBUILDINGS: None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None

NAME: Gulf Coast Center for the Arts
 STREET NO: 138 Lameuse Street
 TOWN/VIC: Biloxi
 COUNTY: Harrison
 BLOCK/LOT: N/A
 PRESENT OWNER: City of Biloxi
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 429, Biloxi 39530
 PRESENT USE: Arts Center
 FORMER USE: Biloxi Public Library

DATE: 1924-25

STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Carl E. Matthes, Architect:
 Manuel and Wetzel, Contractors
 SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 LOCAL X
 STATE
 NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 The old Biloxi Public Library is the finest example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style in Biloxi.

PHOTOS

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Gulf Coast Center for the Arts
138 Lameuse Street, view to south
Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi
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